

United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations. **Pages S5374–79**

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 266), Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S5379–80**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5379**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—269) **Pages S5379–81**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,

September 11, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5411.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on next steps, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury; Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Mark A. Calabria, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4261–4278; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 549–551 were introduced. **Pages H7596–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7597–98**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7561**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7564**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Kevin Yriarte, Journey of Faith Church, Covina, CA. **Page H7564**

Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act of 2019, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Pro-

tection Act, and Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 548, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146) to amend Public Law 115–97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 518, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 517. **Pages H7566–71, H7584–85**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Homebuyer Assistance Act of 2019: H.R. 2852, amended, to amend the National Housing Act to authorize State-licensed appraisers to conduct appraisals in connection with mortgages insured by the FHA and to require compliance with the existing appraiser education requirement, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 519;

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Strategy and Investment in Rural Housing Preservation Act of 2019: H.R. 3620, amended, to provide rental assistance to low-income tenants in certain multifamily rural housing projects financed by the Rural Housing Service of the Department of Agriculture, and to develop and implement a plan for preserving the affordability of rural rental housing;

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Ensuring Diverse Leadership Act of 2019: H.R. 281, amended, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require Federal Reserve banks to interview at least one individual reflective of gender diversity and one individual reflective of racial or ethnic diversity when appointing Federal Reserve bank presidents;

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Bank Service Company Examination Coordination Act of 2019: H.R. 241, amended, to amend the Bank Service Company Act to provide improvements with respect to State banking agencies; and

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Safe Housing for Families Act of 2019: H.R. 1690, amended, to require carbon monoxide detectors in certain federally assisted housing.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018 with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections, is to continue in effect beyond September 12, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on House Administration, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–60).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he issued an Executive Order modernizing sanctions to combat terrorism—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–61).

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Senate Referrals: S. 349 was held at the desk. S. 1689 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7566.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7584, H7584–85, and H7585–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice's Community Relations Service. Testimony was heard from Gerri Ratliff, Deputy Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice.

SECURING THE NATION'S INTERNET AND ARCHITECTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities; and the Subcommittee on National Security of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform held a joint hearing entitled "Securing the Nation's Internet and Architecture". Testimony was heard from Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Director for Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Diane Rinaldo, Acting Assistant Secretary and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and B. Edwin Wilson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

IMPROVING MATERNAL HEALTH: LEGISLATION TO ADVANCE PREVENTION EFFORTS AND ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Improving Maternal Health: Legislation to Advance Prevention Efforts and Access to Care". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A \$1.5 TRILLION CRISIS: PROTECTING STUDENT BORROWERS AND HOLDING STUDENT LOAN SERVICERS ACCOUNTABLE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A \$1.5 Trillion Crisis: Protecting

Student Borrowers and Holding Student Loan Servicers Accountable”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESERVING THE AMAZON: A SHARED MORAL IMPERATIVE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Preserving the Amazon: A Shared Moral Imperative”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GLOBAL TERRORISM: THREATS TO THE HOMELAND, PART I

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Global Terrorism: Threats to the Homeland, Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE RENOVATIONS OF THE CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Renovations of the Cannon House Office Building”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Carroll III, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terrell Dorn, Managing Director, Infrastructure Operations, Government Accountability Office; Christopher P. Failla, Inspector General, Architect of the Capitol; and a public witness.

EVIDENCE OF CURRENT AND ONGOING VOTING DISCRIMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Evidence of Current and Ongoing Voting Discrimination”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1423, the “FAIR Act”; H.R. 1236, the “Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019”; H.R. 1186, the “Keep Americans Safe Act”; H.R. 2708, the “Disarm Hate Act”; H.R. 4018, to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2426, the “CASE Act of 2019”. H.R. 1423, H.R. 1236, H.R. 1186, H.R. 2708, H.R. 4018, and H.R. 2426 were ordered reported, as amended.

BLM DISORGANIZATION: EXAMINING THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION AND RELOCATION OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS TO GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “BLM Disorganization: Examining the Proposed Reorganization and Relocation of the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters to Grand Junction, Colorado”. Testimony was heard from William Perry Pendley, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE DEVIL THEY KNEW: PFAS CONTAMINATION AND THE NEED FOR CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY, PART III

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The Devil They Knew: PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability, Part III”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RAISING THE BAR: PROGRESS AND FUTURE NEEDS IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Raising the Bar: Progress and Future Needs in Forensic Science”. Testimony was heard from Susan Ballou, Program Manager, Office of Special Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Lynn Garcia, General Counsel, Texas Forensic Science Commission; Matthew Gamette, Crime Lab Director, Idaho State Police Forensic Services; and public witnesses.

GROWING THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship held a hearing entitled “Growing the Clean Energy Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Womack, Stivers, Carbajal, Peters, Hartzler, Plaskett, Phillips, Mast, Carter of Georgia, Rouzer, Mucarsel-Powell, Malinowski, Soto, Stefanik, Wenstrup, McCarthy, Walberg, Higgins of Louisiana, Zeldin, Johnson of Ohio, Ruiz, Smucker, Castro of Texas, Carter of Texas, Hill of Arkansas, Baird, Kuster of New Hampshire, Spano, Wittman, and Costa.

SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: MANUFACTURING JOBS FOR AMERICA'S WORKERS

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Solving the Climate Crisis: Manufacturing Jobs for America's Workers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FAMILY AFFORDABILITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine making it more affordable to raise a family, after receiving testimony from Lyman Stone, American Enterprise Institute, Wilmore, Kentucky; Ryan Bourne, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; Jane Waldfogel, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, New York; and Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, MomsRising, Kirkland, Washington.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine fragility in the Sahel, 2:15 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine protecting the nation's transportation systems, focusing on oversight of the Transportation Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1739, to enable projects that will aid in the development and delivery of related instruction associated with apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs that are focused on serving the skilled technical workforce at the National Laboratories and certain facilities of the National Nuclear Security Administration, S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, S. 2094, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement State energy security plans, S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid, S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial

competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, S. 2368, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to support licensing and relicensing of certain nuclear facilities and nuclear energy research, demonstration, and development, and S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen S. Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard E. Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine innovation in America, focusing on how Congress can make our patent system stronger, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "The Importance of Trauma-Informed Practices in Education to Assist Students Impacted by Gun Violence and Other Adversities", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing on "Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Legislating to Connect America: Improving the Nation's Broadband Maps", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled "Examining Private Market Exemptions as a Barrier to IPOs and Retail Investment", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled "Examining the Macroeconomic Impacts of a Changing Climate", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled "Reviewing the Trump Administration's Approach to the MMIW Crisis", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled "The